

**SHB 2124** - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state needs  
4 to reestablish itself as a leader in public transportation.

5 The legislature also finds that increased demands on transportation  
6 resources require increased coordination among public transportation  
7 service providers.

8 The legislature also finds that the efficiency of transportation  
9 corridors would be enhanced by a more proactive and integrated approach  
10 to public transportation service delivery and planning.

11 The legislature also finds that the state department of  
12 transportation is in the unique position of being able to improve  
13 connectivity between service territories of transit agencies and modes  
14 of transportation.

15 The legislature also finds that the state should be a center of  
16 excellence in public transportation planning and research and providing  
17 technical assistance to transit agencies serving urban, suburban, and  
18 rural areas.

19 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that the state  
20 department of transportation be a leader in public transportation. The  
21 department shall play a guiding role in coordinating decentralized  
22 public transportation services, increasing connectivity between them,  
23 advocating for public transportation as a means to increase corridor  
24 efficiency, and increasing the integration of public transportation and  
25 the highway system.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.01.081 and 1984 c 48 s 1 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 (1) Initially the department shall be organized into divisions,  
29 including the division of highways, the division of transit and public  
30 (~~transportation~~) mobility, the division of aeronautics, the division

1 of marine transportation, and the division of transportation planning  
2 and budget.

3 (2) The secretary may reorganize divisions in order to attain the  
4 maximum possible efficiency in the operation of the department. Each  
5 division shall be headed by an assistant secretary to be appointed by  
6 the secretary. The secretary may also appoint a deputy secretary as  
7 may be needed for the performance of the duties and functions vested in  
8 the department and may also appoint up to twelve ferry system  
9 management positions as defined in RCW 47.64.011. The secretary may  
10 delegate to officers within the several divisions of the department  
11 authority to employ personnel necessary to discharge the  
12 responsibilities of the department.

13 (3) The officers appointed under this section shall be exempt from  
14 the provisions of the state civil service law and shall be paid  
15 salaries to be fixed by the governor in accordance with the procedure  
16 established by law for the fixing of salaries for officers exempt from  
17 the operation of the state civil service law.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) The secretary shall establish an office of transit mobility  
21 within the division of transit and public mobility. The purpose of the  
22 office is to ensure the integration of decentralized public  
23 transportation services with the state transportation system. The  
24 goals of the office of transit mobility are: (a) To facilitate  
25 connection and coordination of transit services and planning; and (b)  
26 maximizing opportunities to use public transportation to improve the  
27 efficiency of transportation corridors.

28 (2) The duties of the office include, but are not limited to, the  
29 following:

30 (a) Developing a statewide strategic plan that creates common goals  
31 for transit agencies and reduces competing plans for cross-  
32 jurisdictional service;

33 (b) Developing a park and ride lot program;

34 (c) Encouraging long-range transit planning;

35 (d) Providing public transportation expertise to improve linkages  
36 between regional transportation planning organizations and transit  
37 agencies;

1 (e) Strengthening policies for inclusion of transit and  
2 transportation demand management strategies in route development,  
3 corridor plan standards, and budget proposals;

4 (f) Recommending best practices to integrate transit and demand  
5 management strategies with regional and local land use plans in order  
6 to reduce traffic and improve mobility and access;

7 (g) Producing recommendations for the public transportation section  
8 of the Washington transportation plan; and

9 (h) Participating in all aspects of corridor planning, including  
10 freight planning, ferry system planning, and passenger rail planning.

11 (3) In forming the office, the secretary shall use existing  
12 resources to the greatest extent possible.

13 (4) The office of transit mobility shall establish measurable  
14 performance objectives for evaluating the success of its initiatives  
15 and progress toward accomplishing the overall goals of the office.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 Local and regional transportation agencies shall adopt common  
19 transportation goals. The office of transit mobility shall review  
20 local and regional transportation plans, including plans required under  
21 RCW 35.58.2795, 36.70A.070(6), 36.70A.210, and 47.80.023, to provide  
22 for the efficient integration of multimodal and multijurisdictional  
23 transportation planning.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.66.030 and 1996 c 49 s 3 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 ((1)(a)) The ((~~transportation improvement board~~)) division of  
27 transit and public mobility is authorized and responsible for the final  
28 selection of ((~~programs and~~)) capital projects ((~~funded~~)) appropriated  
29 from the central Puget Sound public transportation account; public  
30 transportation systems account; and ((~~the intermodal surface~~  
31 ~~transportation and efficiency act of 1991, surface transportation~~  
32 ~~program, statewide competitive~~)) and the multimodal transportation  
33 account.

34 ((b)) The ((~~board~~)) division of transit and public mobility may  
35 establish subcommittees as well as technical advisory committees to  
36 carry out the mandates of this chapter.

1       (~~(2) Expenses of the board, including administrative expenses for~~  
2 ~~managing the program, shall be paid in accordance with RCW 47.26.140.)~~)

3       **Sec. 6.** RCW 47.66.040 and 1995 c 269 s 2606 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5       (1) The (~~transportation improvement board~~) division of transit  
6 and public mobility shall select (~~programs and~~) capital projects  
7 based on a competitive process consistent with the mandates governing  
8 each account or source of funds. The competition shall be consistent  
9 with the following criteria:

10       (a) Local, regional, and state transportation plans;

11       (b) Local transit development plans; and

12       (c) Local comprehensive land use plans.

13       (2) The following criteria shall be considered by the (~~board~~)  
14 division of transit and public mobility in selecting programs and  
15 projects:

16       (a) Objectives of the growth management act, the high capacity  
17 transportation act, the commute trip reduction act, transportation  
18 demand management programs, federal and state air quality requirements,  
19 and federal Americans with Disabilities Act and related state  
20 accessibility requirements; and

21       (b) Enhancing the efficiency of regional corridors in moving people  
22 among jurisdictions and modes of transportation, energy efficiency  
23 issues, reducing delay for people and goods, freight and goods movement  
24 as related to economic development, regional significance, rural  
25 isolation, the leveraging of other funds (~~including funds administered~~  
26 ~~by this board~~), and safety and security issues.

27       (3) The (~~board~~) division of transit and public mobility shall  
28 determine the appropriate level of local match required for each  
29 (~~program and~~) capital project based on the source of funds.

30       **NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 47.66 RCW  
31 to read as follows:

32       Beginning in 2005, and every other year thereafter, the division of  
33 transit and public mobility shall examine the division's existing grant  
34 programs, and the methods used to allocate grant funds, to determine  
35 the program's effectiveness, and whether the methods used to allocate  
36 funds result in an equitable distribution of the grants. The

1 department shall submit a report of the findings to the transportation  
2 committees of the legislature.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If Senate Bill No. 6103 is not enacted by  
4 June 30, 2005, this act is null and void."

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7 Offered by Senator Haugen

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9 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "planning;" strike the  
10 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 47.01.081, 47.66.030,  
11 and 47.66.040; adding new sections to chapter 47.01 RCW; adding a new  
section to chapter 47.66 RCW; and creating new sections."

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